

## AMENDMENTS

In the claims, please amend as follows:

- a. Amend claims 1 through 6, 9, 10, 15, 17, 19 through 22 and 25 through 27 to read as follows:

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7 -- 1. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink comprising scaly glittering particles, a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent, a colorant and water, wherein said scaly glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10 $\mu$ m, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to the median diameter of not greater than 0.011, and a surface coating ratio of said colorant covering the surface of said particle's surface in a written mark of not greater than 80% in a state of a dried written mark.

AI 2. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 1, wherein the ink has a thixotropic property.

3. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 2, wherein the ink has a thixotropy index, of not less than 1.3 represented by the ratio of V0.5 to V1.0 (V0.5 / V1.0), wherein V0.5 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 0.5 rpm and V1.0 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 1.0 rpm when the ink is measured by an ELD viscometer with a 3°R14 cone, at a temperature of 20°C.

4. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 2, wherein the ink has a viscosity of about 1000 - 15000 mPa•s when measured by an ELD viscometer with a 3°R14 cone, rotation speed: 0.5 rpm at a temperature of 20°C.

5. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 1, wherein said scaly glittering particles comprise glass flake particles.

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6. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 1, wherein said scaly glittering particles comprise metal coated inorganic particles.
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9. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 1, wherein the water-soluble resin is contained in 0.01 – 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink.

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10. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 1, wherein the colorant is contained in 0.01 – 30% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink.
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15. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 14, wherein the content of said scaly glittering particles is 0.01 - 40% by weight, the water-soluble resin is 0.01 – 40% by weight and the water-soluble organic solvent is 1 - 40% by weight, relative to the total amount of the ink.
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17. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 15, further containing the colorant in 0.01 – 30% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink.
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19. (Amended.) A method for forming a written mark comprising glittering particles, wherein glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to scaly glittering particles to said median diameter is not greater than 80%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of not greater than 80% to the total written surface, and interspersing said colorant's particles among said glittering particles.

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20. (Amended.) A method for forming a written mark comprising glittering particles, wherein glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to scaly glittering particles to said median diameter is not greater than

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40%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of 20-45% to the total written surface, and interspersing said colorant's particles among said glittering particles.

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21. (Amended.) A method for forming a written mark as set forth in claim 19, wherein a binder resin contained in an ink for fixing said scaly glittering particles to the written mark forms a coated film on said glittering particles, the degree of roughness of the coated film covering the surface of said scaly glittering particles is not greater than 0.15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

22. (Amended.) A method for forming a written mark as set forth in claim 19, wherein the smoothness of the written mark is not less than 9  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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25. (Amended.) A written mark as set forth in claim 23, wherein a binder resin contained in an ink for fixing said scaly glittering particles to the written mark forms a coated film on said glittering particles, a degree of roughness of said coated film covering the surface of said scaly glittering particles is not greater than 0.15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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26. (Amended.) A written mark as set forth in claim 23, wherein the smoothness of the written mark is not less than 9  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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27. (Amended.) A ball-point pen with an aqueous glittering ink filled in the ink tank comprising scaly glittering particles, a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent, a colorant and water, wherein said scaly glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , a thixotropy index of not less than 1.3, represented by the ratio of V0.5 to V1.0 (V0.5 / V1.0), wherein V0.5 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 0.5 rpm and V1.0 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 1.0 rpm when the ink is measured by an ELD viscometer with a 3°R14 cone, rotation speed: 0.5 rpm at a temperature of 20°C and the V0.5, the viscosity with the rotation speed of 0.5 rpm, of 1000 - 15000 mPa. --

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b. Add new claims 29 through 33 as follows:

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-- 29. A method for forming a coated film comprising glittering particles, wherein the glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to the scaly glittering particles to said median diameter is not greater than 80%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of not greater than 80% to the total written surface, and interspersing said colorant's particles among said glittering particles.

30. An aqueous glittering ink comprising scaly glittering particles, a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent, a colorant and water, wherein said scaly glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and have a smooth metal surface, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to the median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and a surface coating ratio of said colorant covering the surface of said particle's surface in a written mark is not greater than 80% in a state of a dried written mark.

31. An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 30, wherein the ink has a thixotropy index of not less than 1.3 represented by the ratio of V0.5 to V1.0 ( $V0.5/V1.0$ ), wherein V0.5 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 0.5 rpm, and V1.0 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 1.0 rpm when the ink is measured by an ELD viscometer with an 3°R14 cone, at a temperature of 20°C.

32. An aqueous glittering ink as set forth in claim 30, wherein the glittering particles having said smooth metal surface are selected from flaky glass coated with metal, inorganic particles coated with metal, and aluminum powder.

33. A method for forming a coated film comprising glittering particles, wherein the glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and have a smooth metal surface,